

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 16-34 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled or added.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

Claim Objections

Claim 16 has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

It is submitted that claim 34 is not a substantial duplicate of claim 30. Claim 34 depends from claim 33 which depends from claim 32 which depends from claim 31 which claim depends from claim 26 which depends from claim 25. On the other hand, claim 30 depends immediately from claim 25. Therefore, although the limitations that are being added by each dependent claim are the same, the resulting claim is not the same.

35 U.S.C. §112

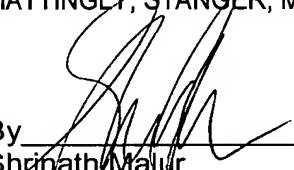
The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under this section.
The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if any further changes are deemed necessary.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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